

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Jaison Joseph

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 07/17/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2, 4-13, 15-19, 21, and 22 renumbered as 1-19 respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Clifton Mueller on 08/30/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 rewrite as: A method for shaping a spectrum of an impulse radio signal, comprising:

generating a set of ultrawide bandwidth basis pulses at a plurality of frequencies and a plurality of random delays;

optimizing, jointly, weights and delays as a solution to a quadratic optimization problem to approximately minimize a deviation of the spectrum from a spectral mask an ultrawide bandwidth spectral mask, in which the spectral mask is designed for indoor channels and limits power as a function of frequency in the spectral mask;

orthogonalizing and normalizing the set of ultrawide bandwidth basis pulses; and
applying a branch and bound procedure to the set of orthogonalized and normalized ultrawide bandwidth basis pulses to optimize the delays[.];

weighting the set of ultrawide bandwidth basis pulses by the weights;

delaying the set of basis pulses by the random delays; and

combining linearly the weighted and delayed basis pulses to conform the spectrum to the ultrawide bandwidth spectral mask, and wherein the weights and delays are fixed over time for the spectral mask, and wherein the ultrawide bandwidth basis pulses are selected from a set of basis pulses by a combinatorial optimization using training spectral masks.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1, 2, 4 – 13, 15 – 19, 21, and 22 are allowable over prior art of record. The prior art of record failed to teach a method for shaping a spectrum of an impulse radio signal, comprising: generating a set of ultrawide bandwidth basis pulses at a plurality of frequencies and a plurality of random delays; optimizing, jointly, weights and delays as a solution to a quadratic optimization problem to approximately minimize a deviation of the spectrum from an ultrawide bandwidth spectral mask, in which the spectral mask is designed for indoor channels and limits power as a function of frequency in the spectral mask; orthogonalizing and normalizing the set of ultrawide bandwidth basis pulses; and applying a branch and bound procedure to the set of orthogonalized and normalized ultrawide bandwidth basis pulses to optimize the delays weighting the set of ultrawide bandwidth basis pulses by the weights; delaying the set of basis pulses by the random delays; and combining linearly the weighted and delayed basis pulses to conform the spectrum to the ultrawide bandwidth spectral mask, and wherein the weights and delays are fixed over time for the spectral mask, and wherein the ultrawide bandwidth basis pulses are selected from a set of basis pulses by a combinatorial optimization using

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training spectral masks as claimed in independent claim 1 and similarly claimed in independent claim 21. Thus claims 1, 2, 4 – 13, 15 – 19, 21, and 22 are novel and unobvious over prior art of record..

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jaison Joseph whose telephone number is (571) 272-6041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on (571) 272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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